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**A METHOD FOR PRINTING AND
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DOCUMENTS**

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action dated February 10, 2003, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

The paragraphs beginning on page 2, lines 27-32; page 3, lines 1-28; page 4, lines 13-31; page 5, lines 1-10 and page 6, lines 13-23 have been deleted.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 29 with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG 7
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--In accordance with one aspect of the present invention there is provided a method of verifying that the presenter of an authentication document is the same individual associated with the authentication document, comprising the steps of providing an image on the authentication document, the image including